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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This amendment responds to the July 13, 2004 Office Action. With this amendment is enclosed (i) a Petition for Extension of Time extending the period of response to November 13, 2004, (ii) a Fee amendment Sheet, and (iii) a Revocation and Power of Attorney. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

A Replacement Abstract is found on page 13 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 14 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper.